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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING CRATER END OF CONTINUOUSLY CAST PRODUCT,
 AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING CONTINUOUSLY CAST PRODUCT

described and claimed in International Application number PCT/JP2004/017824 filed 24, November, 2004
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I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification, including claims.

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